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TRS Employers

Eligible position in the Teachers' Retirement System Plan II

Effective June 7, 1990, the way in which teachers establish membership in Plan II of the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) will change. Substitute House Bill (SHB) 2644 of 1990 creates a new concept in TRS Plan II, the *eligible position*. Teachers will enter membership and be reportable to the retirement system under Plan II **only** if they are employed in an *eligible position*. Teachers who are employed in eligible positions enter membership in the TRS on their first day of employment.

As defined in SHB 2644, an *eligible position* in TRS Plan II is one "which normally requires two or more uninterrupted months of creditable service" during the period September 1 through August 31. A month of creditable service is one in which the employee works 90 or more compensated hours.

Any time you hire a Plan II teacher into a position which meets this description, you will need to submit an EPR and begin reporting that teacher from the first day of employment.

SHB 2644 legislates other changes to TRS membership and service credit which take effect September 1, 1990; these will be explained to you in a forthcoming DRS Notice. DRS is developing policies and instructions that will help you apply the new rules to your employees. In the meantime, if you have specific questions about TRS Plan II eligible positions, you may call Margaret Wimmer of the DRS Membership Section at (206) 753-5290, SCAN 234-5290. Questions about transmittal reporting should be directed to the Employer Relations Unit at (206) 753-8696, SCAN 234-8696.

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1990 DRS Notices

Each DRS Notice will include a list of all Notices previously published during the calendar year, their subject matter, and a statement of which employers each Notice was sent to.

If you did not receive a Notice, check this list to verify that the Notice applies to you and/or your employees. If you need a copy, call the DRS User Support Group at (206) 586-4515, SCAN 321-4515.

Notice No.	Date	Applies to/ Subject matter
90-001	Jan. 10	School district employers using the WSIPC system Transmittal data problems
90-002	Jan. 28	All Employers Transmittal report month-end processing dates
90-003	Apr. 2	State agencies using the PISD Central Payroll System to report members of the Public Employees' Retirement System Changes in some requirements for submitting Employee Permanent Record and Notice of Separation forms for PERS employees
90-004	May 29	All Employers Summary of 1990 legislation related to retirement issues
90-005	May 30	PERS Employers Temporary employment in eligible PERS positions
90-006	June 4	PERS, TRS, and LEOFF Employers Reemployment of retirees
